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**RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

This paper is submitted in response to the Office action mailed December 18, 2002.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Office action indicates that Applicants' previous election of Group I in paper number 9 was acknowledged but treated as an election without traverse. Applicants respectfully submit that the election was properly traversed with respect to the process claims in Group II (claims 21-27). Applicants clearly set forth in the Response filed October 1, 2002, the basis for traversing the restriction requirement as to these claims. Claims 21-27 are directed to a process for making the product of claim 1. Claims 21-27 depend from and therefore include all of the limitations of claim 1. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.